TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1108.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Monday the 27th Vrischikam 1108/12th December 1932.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven thirty-two of the Clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Seating accommodation in Criminal and Sessions Courts for under-trial prisoners and parties.

13. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (1) Are the Government aware that a large section of the public that have to attend law courts and other public offices suffer very much for want of proper waiting convenience and seating accommodation?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they feel any objection to the provision of seating accommodation in open court for—

(*a*) under-trial prisoners in the dock in Criminal and Sessions Courts; and

(*b*) parties and the public waiting outside the witness box in Civil and Criminal Courts in the mofussil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative. Waiting sheds have been provided as far as possible, for the convenience of the public and other clients attending Courts, and action in this direction is also being taken by the Government whenever necessary.

(2) (*a*) The practice at present is not to allow seats to under-trial prisoners, but the Sessions Judges and Magistrates may use their discretion in the matter.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Reduction of land tax on double crop wet lands in Nanjinad.

14. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from the people of Nanjinad that the land tax on double crop wet lands in Nanjinad should be reduced; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken by the Government thereon?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

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